

## Winter 2008-2009 Cullowhee Kids Newsletter

We hope your families had a meaningful Thanksgiving. Now, we head right into Christmas. I have listed some church and community activities your family may be interested in attending. As hectic as this month can be, please remember that Christ is the reason for the season.

### Cullowhee Kids December Activities:

1. Four and three-year-olds making gingerbread houses **Thursday, Dec. 11th.** Ms. Sandy's and Ms. Ellen's classes will need to sign up for candies. **Each child will need to bring to school a foil covered 12" x 12" piece of sturdy cardboard ahead of time.** Please put your child's name on it.
2. Santa will visit with a special guest Thursday, Dec. 18, 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have refreshments, please come.
3. Classroom gift exchange. Bring in a wrapped gender neutral gift, cost \$3-5.00 maximum, on Dec. 18.

### Cullowhee United Methodist Church Activities:

1. CUMC Chancel Choir Christmas Program, Sunday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m.
2. Children's Christmas program, "Welcome to Our World," will be Wednesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 p.m., in the sanctuary.
3. Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

### Kid Friendly Community Activities:

1. **Sylva Christmas Parade** **Saturday, Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m. Downtown.**
2. **"Mary Did You Know?"** **Friday, Dec. 5, pre-show 6 p.m., drama 7 p.m. & Saturday, Dec. 6, 5 p.m. pre-show, 6 p.m. drama, Cullowhee Baptist Church.** This costumed cast is composed of people from local churches, campus ministries, college students, professors and other individuals you may know.
3. **Dillsboro Christmas Luminaries** **Dec. 5 & 6 and 12 & 13, 5-9 p.m. Fireworks on the 13<sup>th</sup>.**
4. **The Jackson County Christmas Store** is beginning its 21<sup>st</sup> year of providing gifts and clothing for local children. If you would like to help in the store, shop or sponsor a child, please call Elaine White, 293-5785. The store will be open through Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. There is also a need for good, clean children's coats and books. These items may be left under the table downstairs or in the church office.
5. **Breakfast with Santa** **Saturday, Dec. 13, 8-10 a.m.** Golden Age Center, ages 10 and under free, parents \$5.
6. **Select and Cut Christmas Trees**  
Go for an outing up Caney Fork to the Mackenzie's tree farm and cut your own tree. Trees are six to eleven feet tall. Scott Mackenzie, 293-3033, will beat any price around. Greenery is also available.

**Review of what to do in case of inclement weather:** During inclement weather, we will follow the Jackson County school announcements. This information is announced on WRGC radio as well as WLOS-TV. If public school is canceled, Cullowhee Kids is canceled. However, in the case of delayed schedule, preschool will meet at our regular 9 a.m. time. Many times we question why public school is canceled. The roads may be clear where you are, but are icy in other parts of the county. The teachers have children in the public school, and they cannot be brought to preschool to be tended. Also, you may check for school cancellations online at [www.wlos.com](http://www.wlos.com) or [www.citizen-times.com](http://www.citizen-times.com).

### Calendar of Themes

December 1-4 ..... Health/Hygiene  
December 8-11 ..... Christmas, letter L  
December 15-18 ..... Christmas  
December 11 ..... Gingerbread house decorating, 3's and 4's  
December 18 ..... Last Day of School before Christmas Break.

**Santa will arrive at 11:15 with a special guest this year. We will have cookies and milk with Santa. We will need parents to contribute those items.**

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January 5-8 ..... Return to school, Winter Fun, Fours letter M  
January 12-15 ..... "God made us all." Handicapped and ethnicity  
**January 19                      Holiday Martin Luther King's Day No School**  
**January 20 No School, Public School Break.**

January 21-22 ..... Polar Week  
January 26-29 ..... Ground hogs/shadows, letter N  
February 2-5 ..... Valentines, letter O  
February 9-12 ..... Valentines, letter P  
February 12 ..... Valentines Party  
February 16-19 ..... Outer Space, letter Q  
February 23 ..... No school, public school break  
February 24-26 ..... Night, Mardi Gras (24<sup>th</sup>), letter R  
February 25 ..... Pajama Day (no snack, pancakes instead)